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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Mr. Bissell's Report to the Director on CIA's
War Plans

1. I have reviewed the attached copy of the report from Mr. Bissell to the Director concerning CIA War Plans for Fiscal Year 1957. I also reviewed our file on this matter and discussed the background of the report [redacted]

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2. No specific action is required of the DDI Area as a result of this report. We may be involved later in the year in some war gaming conducted by the DDP Area, but the war games will be carried on under DDP initiative and our involvement will probably be minor.

3. There are a number of aspects of war planning concerning which I will have to inform myself more fully and follow continuously. These include the effects of the revision of NSCID's; the effects on DDI interests of revisions in the command relations agreement on clandestine intelligence activities; and the effects on DDI interests of a number of administrative matters such as communications, vital documents storage, etc.

4. One additional aspect of war planning came up in the discussion [redacted] which I would like to explore further. We agreed on the basis of personal observation that local customers in some foreign areas frequently look to the CIA station for general intelligence support and that in many cases the DDP types manning the station were not adequately trained to furnish such DDI type support. I also have the impression from my ~~research~~ training program that some of the DDP War Planning does not adequately provide for the intelligence analyst function in support of CIA operations in the field. Taking all of these things together, it is possible that a war or other great emergency might create a need for the DDI Area to send a number of competent analysts or teams of such analysts to CIA stations abroad. It might be that we have taken adequate account of this possibility in our own planning, but it is something that I intend to explore to make sure that it is or can be properly buttoned up.

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